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Britain Is Still "Good Risk" For Wall St.

London, Apr. 9.
Reports reaching London that Wall Street banking firms are willing to grant Britain large long-term dollar loans at three per cent interest if Britain's dollar shortage becomes acute—if true—are extremely welcome in London.

They prove that Wall Street must still consider Britain a "good risk" despite "calamity" forecasts that Britain is rapidly dying.

The reports that some Wall Street banking firms were willing to grant such loans were published today by two London newspapers in dispatches from their Washington correspondents.

British officials on the other hand insist that it will be some time before Britain's dollar shortage does become acute. Britain still has in hand US\$2,452,000,000 of the United States loan; 500 million dollars of the Canadian credit; 2,510 million dollars in gold and dollar reserves.

In addition, Britain is entitled under Bretton Woods to buy an additional 320 million dollars for sterling from the International Fund, this being one quarter of her quota payment to the Fund.

WITHDRAWALS

This gives Britain a total of 5,888 million dollars on which to draw. The latest figures for British withdrawals from the United States loan are 1,300 million dollars and from the Canadian credit 620 million dollars of a total of 1,920 million dollars.

Assuming that Britain's foreign trade remains in its present chronic state of unbalance as between "hard" and "soft" currencies, 5,888 million dollars should therefore be good for at least two more years, although Britain could scarcely wait until the dollars run out before asking for further credit.

The rates of interest at which Britain could borrow in future would also be extremely important (on the American loan Britain will pay two per cent on the amount borrowed—on the whole loan—after 1951). Not only official and unofficial British financial circles emphasize that if Britain needs further dollar credits she will seek the lowest interest rates available and these might possibly be available from the World Bank.

FAIR INTEREST LIKELY

The Bank will decide the interest rates for each country applying for a loan, the rate depending on the "good" or "bad" risks which any country, in the view of the Bank, represents.

It is thought here that Britain might be able to borrow from the (Continued on Page 4)

U.S. PLAN FOR NEW GERMAN BOUNDARIES

Upper Silesia For Poland Suggested

Moscow, Apr. 10.
The United States was reported today to have developed a German boundary programme which would retain the Ruhr in Germany and Upper Silesia in Poland. At the same time the programme would give other European states a hand in administering the vital economic resources of both regions.

Britain and the United States proposed that an international commission be created to work out the details of the compromise German Polish border which would allow Poland to retain control of industrial Silesia but return to Germany more agricultural lands at present occupied by the Poles.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. V. M. Molotov, opposed and said that Poland should retain all the 40,000 square miles of eastern Germany—including Silesia and the farm lands which was placed under her administration at Potsdam.

French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault agreed that the boundary question should be studied further but did not say whether he favoured or opposed the present frontier.

MARSHALL'S PLAN

Moscow, Apr. 9.
General George C. Marshall, the United States State Secretary, today urged the Council of Foreign Ministers to establish a special Boundary Commission for Germany.

He suggested such a commission would function under the direction of the Foreign Ministers' deputies, and would consist of representatives of the United States, Britain, Soviet Russia, France, Poland and a convenient number of other Allied states, to be designated by the Council.

The Foreign Ministers would invite Poland and each of the designated countries to appoint a member of the Commission.

General Marshall said that such a commission should recommend: 1. A revision of the pre-war Polish-German frontier which will fairly compensate Poland for the territory ceded to Russia east of the Curzon Line and:

2. Economic arrangements appropriate for assuring that raw materials from the area in question, which are vital to the European economy, shall fairly serve that need, including particularly the need of Poland.

"The commission shall enquire into and report on the Polish settlement and German settlement in the area in question and the best means to assure effective laws in such areas for the economic well-being of Polish and German people and Europe as a whole," General Marshall said.

SHOULD SHARE RESOURCES.

"German Upper Silesia with its industrial areas should also become Polish, but there should be provisions to ensure that coal and other resources will be available to sustain the economy of Europe."

"The division of the remaining territory which is largely agricultural land, requires the consideration of the needs of the Polish and German peoples and of Europe as a whole. Pointing out that the finding of the peace settlement about 65,000 square kilometres of Eastern Germany had been placed under Polish administration, General Marshall declared the problem was both how and where to draw the final territorial revision line so as to avoid unjust and unbalanced economic impact and minimise the inescapable irreconcilable pressure in Germany."

"It is not inevitable that the new frontiers should block trade and intercourse. Some frontiers become almost impenetrable barriers. We can, if we so agree, establish here a territorial settlement on terms which would protect Europe against such evil effects. The peace settlement might, for example, provide that certain economic resources from the ceded territory on which other countries are dependent should be administered with due regard to their needs."

ECONOMIC FACTORS

General Marshall proposed that the Polish Government be consulted promptly and the Ministers apply the conception that the European matters of general concern should be dealt with in the general interest.

"There are specific economic factors affecting Germany which require consideration. German pre-war imports of foodstuffs provided about one-fifth of the total of food consumed in Germany. Before the war the German area now under provisional Polish control also contributed over one-fifth of Germany's total food supply."

"Germany must, in future, import two-fifths or more of her food supply abroad; German economy will have to be industrialised to an even greater extent than pre-war or German economy will collapse."

Suicide By Woman Nazi

The "Black Angel" Of Ravensbruck

Hamburg, Apr. 9.
Carmen Mory, "Black Angel" of the Ravensbruck concentration camp and former international spy, today committed suicide in her Hamburg death cell without knowing that a stay of execution of her sentence had been granted.

The dark adventures, whose temperamental outbursts startled the Hamburg war crimes court during her trial, had appealed as a Swiss citizen to the Swiss Government to intervene to save her from the hangman.

The Swiss Government asked for a postponement of the death sentence until all documents in her case were examined by the Swiss authorities.

Although the court's death sentence had been confirmed, a stay of execution had been decided upon.

When the documents confirming the death sentence were read to Mory by prison officials yesterday, she took the news calmly—and slashed her wrists and died at 2.30 this morning.

LOST HER NERVE

She was to be informed later of the stay of execution, Mory's counsel, when informed of the suicide, commented, "She lost her nerve at the last."

The sentencing of Mory under death sentence for atrocious crimes is likely to be intensified after the suicide of Carmen Mory, a Control Commission spokesman stated this evening.

Mory's suicide was the third Nazi escape from Allied justice in four days. Doctor Percy Treite, chief doctor of Ravensbruck camp, said under the death sentence, poisoned himself in the same prison last night and Herbert Backe, former Nazi peasant leader, hanged himself last Sunday while awaiting trial.

Turkey Gets Fighter Planes

London, Apr. 9.
Three hundred British fighter planes—the latest type of Spitfires, Mosquitoes and Beaufighters—the fastest propeller driven aircraft in the Royal Air Force—have been delivered to the Turkish Air Force under the terms of the agreement concluded last August by the Turkish military mission which visited Britain.

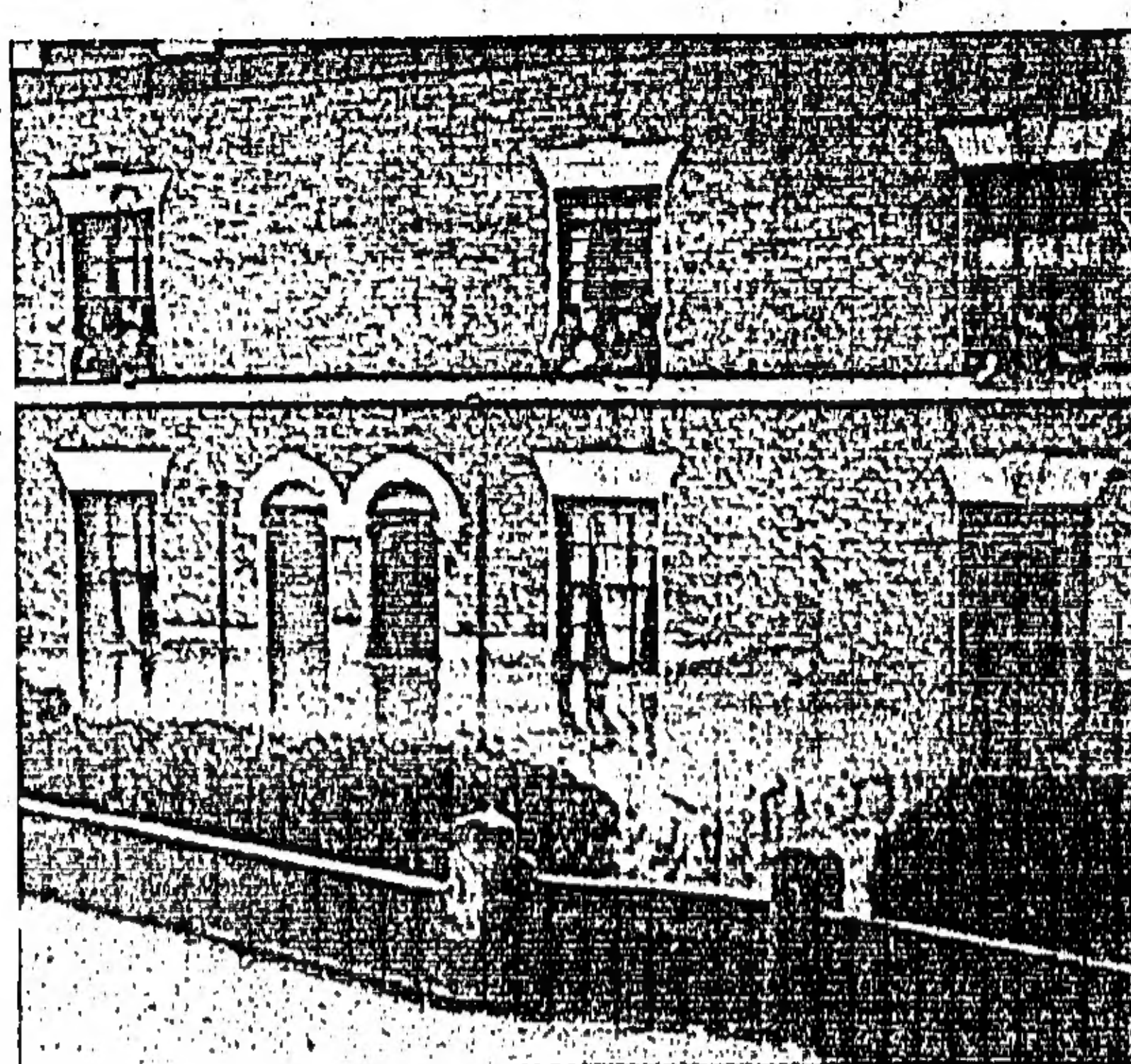
With the exception of jet aircraft now in operational service with the Royal Air Force, these types are among the front rank of the world's combat fighters.

The balance of the delivery of 500 fighters to Turkey is expected to be completed within the next six months though the outside date in the agreement is believed to be December, 1947.

The planes are neither obsolete nor surplus and they are flown to Turkish airfields from the Royal Air Force station at Blackbushe, Surrey.

—Reuter.

Homes Flooded, They Wait For Their Rescuers



More than any brilliantly written description is told the grim story of the floods in Britain by a picture such as the above. It is typical. The people you see leaning out the upstairs windows eventually had to be removed by "Ducks" and boats. Imagine what the ground floors must have looked like by the time the photograph was taken!

It is for thousands of homeless people like those shown in the picture that the South China Morning Post and Hongkong Telegraph Flood Relief Fund has been inaugurated.

Response so far has been most encouraging, but many more subscribers would be welcome. It is suggested that you give quickly, and give generously.

COUNTESS TRUSS UP & ROBBED

Dorchester, Apr. 9.
Three men broke into the magnificent 15th Century Melbury House near here during the night after cutting the telephone wires, burst into 70-year-old Lady Ichester's bedroom, tied her up and made off with jewels worth two thousand sterling. But they missed the family's famous black pearls which have been in storage since the early days of the war.

The countess, who suffers with heart trouble and had been in bed for the past two weeks, struggled with her bonds for two hours before she was able to free her hands and ring for a maid. She was found in a state of semi-collapse but was to-night almost recovered from her experience.

Police finger-print and photographic experts were making a minute search for clues today. They believe that the thieves are experts and the raid seems to have been carefully planned.

Lord Ichester, who is in Ireland, has been told of the robbery.

—Reuter.

Princess Elizabeth Comes Of Age Tuesday Week

South Africa, Apr. 10.
Princess Elizabeth, heir to the British throne, symbol of a war generation bent upon great reforms, and one of the world's most popular girls will celebrate her 21st birthday on April 21, thus marking the transition from Royal apprenticeship to sterner responsibilities.

As the anniversary coincides with the end of the royal tour the Commonwealth and Empire from Cape Town, the speech to be the most important she has ever delivered, and her audience probably the largest she has addressed.

Three days later the King, Queen and Princesses will sail in HMS Vanguard for England and the day they are expected to reach the country which it is predicted will become more and more a figure of international stature.

Legally she becomes responsible for all her actions just the same as every other citizen and she may now serve as regent in the event of the King's absence or incapacity.

She will continue with most of her studies, though probably on a more informal basis.

Special attention is being given to constitutional history.

Intimates affirm that she has unshakable faith in the future of the Commonwealth and that promises of Britain's decline from major power to something like a satellite state—reports of which has reached her and the other members of the Royal family on their present mission—strike her as ridiculous.

Travel will figure vitally in the future queen's programme and she will be made in a few years—Associated Press.

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EDITORIAL

A Legitimate Grouse

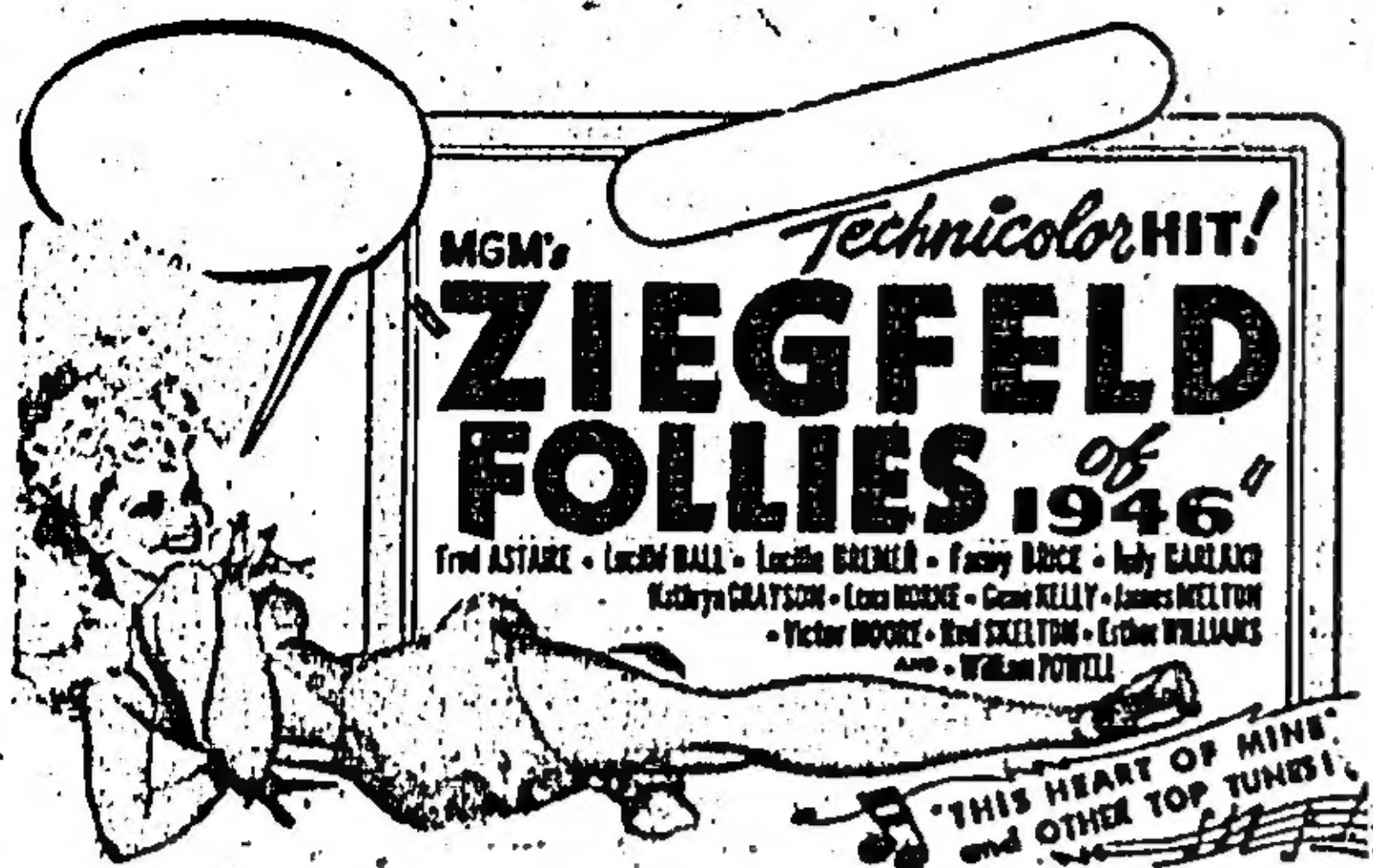
"THE MOAN" or "THE GROUSE" is a post-war feature. It reflects the disillusionment of vast numbers of people who played some sort of active role in hastening VE and VJ Days. It also represents the frustration of men and women who, eight years ago, were given many glib promises and assurances if only they would make the necessary sacrifices and suffer the inevitable hardships and inconveniences demanded by total warfare. As in other parts of the Commonwealth, "The Moan" has found good reason for expressing itself in Hongkong—the HKVDC, VAD, and ARP—all of whom have either waited a long time, or are still waiting, for promises to be redeemed. In the main the Volunteers have had their grievances redressed. But there is a group of this Corps who appear to possess a legitimate complaint; it is the Key Post Group. Originally drawn into the HKVDC under the Hongkong Compulsory Service Ordinance of 1939, these men went through a course of training, and then, not by choice, but under instruction, were posted to a non-combatant section of the Corps, on the understanding that they were to be prepared to take up arms and fight at any given moment. It was these same men who, when hostilities broke out in 1941, maintained utility services such as the dockyards, power stations, newspapers, banks, food supplies, and so on; and they remained at their posts until the capitulation signal was given—members of the HKVDC, but, for the most part,

wearing civilian clothes. Following VJ Day these so-called non-combatants, who went through the torments of Stanley as did others, applied to the Colonial Office for Volunteer pay during the war. The answer has been that as "they were not taken directly into Government employment, but continued to draw their normal salaries for their civilian work from private employers, the governments concerned would not be justified in assuming any responsibility for the payment of their salaries during the period of internment." As an argument, nothing more specious could be imagined. For example, it is the first time it has been suggested that private employers ever agreed to assume an internment-period responsibility for pay due to men who had been drafted into the Hongkong Volunteers; further, it makes the peculiar distinction between men who were uniformed and were in the front line during hostilities and those who worked behind the lines in a different uniform—through no fault of their own. The injustice is all too apparent, and the Colonial Office ruling. The Colonial Office has no right to assume that key-post personnel were paid by their private employers during internment; and where that might be the case, obviously the person would not be qualified for Volunteer allowances. The Key-Post Group have a strong claim for reimbursement, and one that the Hongkong Government should vigorously take up with the authorities concerned.

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Islam's dream turns to a nightmare

by JAMES CAMERON



THIS HISTORIC EDGE OF EMPIRE

PESHAWAR.

AT the end of the narrow, gaudy, confused, odorous thoroughfare called the Street of the Storytellers, they rushed up the barbed wire barriers.

There are guns silently covering the length of the Lane of the Coppersmiths; along the Place of the Workers in Gold, a compact watchful military patrol is tramping, rifles at the trail.

Half a dozen sheeted men rush by with something swinging on a litter; he was shot a few days ago but they had not been able to get out to bury him until this evening.

They are in a hurry, and no wonder, Peshawar, the capital of the North-West Frontier Province, is at this moment the tensest and most disorganised guarded town in India.

The dangerous fires of political turmoil, which sprang up over the Punjab and died down, blazed again, and are now beginning to flicker along this explosive corner, the fabulous rim of India which guards the Khyber Pass, the gateway to the Plains.

Crisis

HERE, as in the turbulent Punjab to the immediate south, the Moslem League is bringing a crisis to its campaign to unseat a provincial Ministry, and bring the North-West Frontier in line for Pakistan, the Mohammedans' dream of an independent nation.

All over the province there have been processions, which are illegal, arrests, threats, slogans, a knifing or two. In Peshawar, legendary border city where gather all the goods and the gossip of both East and West, more than a brigade of troops are watching the tortuous ways.

Two squadrons of Sherman tanks are crawling heavily around. There are Bren-gun posts on unexpected roof-tops.

Not in the bazaars or the back streets, or anywhere within the boundaries of the crazed, teeming city, is a Hindu or a Sikh to be seen. Their shutters are up, their doors are locked, their business is dead.

The police, the frontier constabulary, the troops—Indian troops; a battalion of the King's Own Scottish Borderers—have had precious little sleep these last few days.

They have often been called into direct action. That is a job the soldier hates: the task of firing at command into a technically unarmed mob.

At the back of everyone's mind for the moment, moreover, is concern for what may eventually happen among more than 2,500,000 wholly wild and unpredictable tribesmen in the "unsettled areas."

The tribal chieftains could put 500,000 rifles into the field any day they wanted.

Three things motivate their lives, would govern any action they took: plunder, determination to preserve their independence, and religion. They have no reason to love or trust Mr. Jinnah, but Mr. Jinnah's cry of "Islam is in danger" makes the tribesman's finger twitch on his trigger.

The present uneasiness is not wholly due to Moslem League provincial agitation. The trouble has lapped over from the Punjab, just as five months ago it hopped across the continent from Bihar.

Then, as now, people were returning with frightful relics in their shawl-scorched skulls shrivelled shins—bones, torn pages from the holy Koran, exposing them with cries for vengeance.

THIS YEAR'S SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL By R. G. Weetlock

FINAL plans for the 1947 Shakespeare Festival at the Memorial Theatre at Stratford-on-Avon were recently announced by Mr Barry Jackson, director of the festival.

This year's season, which will last 25 weeks, will be the most adventurous and, it is expected, successful since the festival was founded by Barry Sullivan and Helen Faucit in 1879.

The company, numbering 50 players and led this year by Beatrix Lehmann and Robert Harris, is the biggest ever to play in the Stratford Festival. In all the nine plays that will be presented, eight are by Shakespeare, the ninth being Marlowe's "Doctor Faustus."

The festival opened on Easter Saturday, April 5, with a performance of "Romeo and Juliet" with Laurence Payne as Romeo, Daphne Slater as Juliet and Beatrix Lehmann as nurse.

Considerable interest has been shown in the new production, particularly in view of Barry Jackson's daring experiment of entrusting it to Peter Brook, who is only 21 years old.

The young producer, who has already made a name for himself with his production of "Love's

"Labour's Lost" in the 1946 festival, has taken one of the play's most telling lines as his theme throughout the production: "for now these hot days is the mad blood stirring."

He wants the dry, dusty heat of Verona to permeate the play; intense hate and violent passion but no sentimentality are the themes Brook has been impressing on his players.

When he accepted the commission to take charge of production, Brook consulted the best academic and dramatic authorities he could find. Bernard Shaw's advice was of particular interest and importance. He told the producer to concentrate on "youthful lovers and virile fighters." As a result Brook searched Britain for two young people who could look and act the parts of the "star-crossed lovers."

Twenty-six-year-old Laurence Payne and 18-year-old Daphne Slater, both of whom have yet to make their names on the English stage, were chosen from hundreds who were tested for the parts.

The "Birthday Play" on April 23, which is also the day of England's Patron Saint, St George, will be "Twelfth Night."

The celebrations will start at mid-day with a "ceremony of the flags." At noon a trumpet will be sounded; at once the flags of some 40 nations will be unfurled by their representatives.

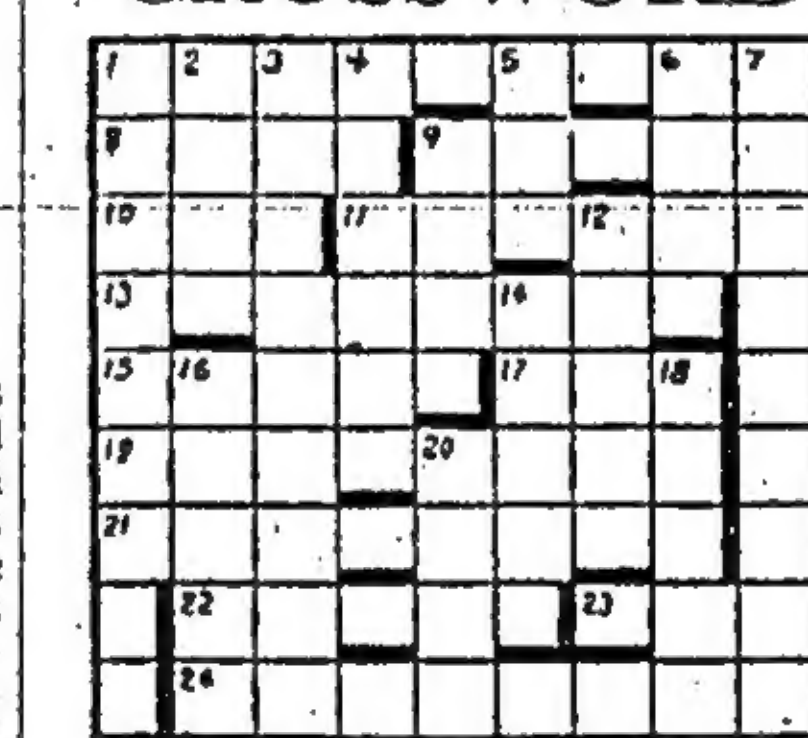
A large number of ambassadors and ministers are expected to attend the ceremony which will be followed by a procession to Shakespeare's birthplace and to his tomb in the parish church. Afterwards at a public luncheon the toast to "the immortal memory" will be proposed by the President of the Royal Academy, Sir Alfred Munnings.

This year there will be one guest producer from abroad—Frank McMillan of the USA, who will be responsible for the production of "Measure for Measure." Other Shakespeare plays will be "Love's Labour's Lost," "The Tempest," "King Richard II," "Merchant of Venice," and the seldom seen "Pericles, Prince of Tyre." This play was last performed at Stratford nearly 50 years ago.

Another outstanding feature of this year's festival is a series of public lectures that have been organised jointly by the Governors of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre and the British Council. These lectures will be commentaries on the plays to be seen during the week and on the special aspects of Shakespeare study chosen by the speakers, who include Professor Dover Wilson, Ivor Brown, James Bridg and other well-known authorities.

An international conference of Shakespearean scholars has also been organised for the week August 17-24.

CROSSWORD



Across

- Start. (9)
- How a bean can turn to poison. (4)
- They tow from the neck of some quadrupeds. (5)
- Recesses. (3)
- Seems the small white horse makes it safe. (6)
- Guesses obviously. (8)
- Lady of importance in India. (10)
- Initially, what antiquaries meet. (3)
- They may pass over valley or live. (8)
- Amaze but not a little fan. (8)
- He is found among little things. (5)
- It has to be paid. (3)
- Is on diet (anagram). (6)

Down

- You will notice a notice if you are. (6)
- We had more than our share of it this year. (4)
- Moderate in value. (9)
- Nearly all present-day cars are. (6)
- Sandy heights. (4)
- Sore a suit (anagram). (6)
- I'm included in me. (4)
- Corridor. (5)
- Colouring matter for lichens. (5)
- Bridal walk. (5)
- How like colour? (5)
- Just one. (4)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.—Across: 1. On; 2. Tor; 3. Omen; 4. Arc; 5. Kibbo; 6. Terminate; 7. The; 8. Iris; 9. Accede; 10. E. D. 2; 11. Rues; 12. Sorrel; 13. Shortland; 14. Yankee; 15. Lot; 16. Onion; 17. Tor; 18. See; 19. Across; 20. Lemure; 21. Toward; 22. V. 23. Tidal; 24. Seal; 25. Bear; 26. Rib; 27. Vre.

POCKET CARTOON



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

DISTINGUISHED scientists, I note, are expressing doubts as to whether a rocket constructed on the principles outlined here would be capable of reaching the moon.

Strabismus himself answers their doubts. He said: "Never before has the method of hydraulic pressure, used in compressed cylinders, been applied on such a scale to jet-propulsion. By this means the weight of the nozzle is taken off by the curve of the fin-protectors under the leading-edge of each percussion-piston."

When shown this an expert said: "Science does not even recognise the strange terms used, apparently haphazard, by this extraordinary man. Strabismus is either a genius far ahead of his age or else a deluded visionary. It is utterly impossible to understand his pronouncements."

Excitement at

Wagging Parva

MEANWHILE, a rumour that the new rocket was being launched within the next six days is bringing thousands of people to the district. A shilling is being charged for a visit to the rocket, and the money goes to a fund to supply ballot-boxes and educational literature for the inhabitants of the moon, if any. An attempt to find out what, exactly, will be the functions of Miss Slocombe, representative of the Society for Cultural Relations with the Moon, has failed miserably. Miss Slocombe herself to the statement that she did so think that the people in the moon needed to know what was happening in our world, and added she with a grin, "Vice versa, of course."

A First in Laundry

A LADY, in a speech, has suggested "the establishment of a University Chair for the Laundry Industry." Socks et praeterea nihil. And surely the first Professor of Modern English Laundry at Oxford should be a lady. The subject would, obviously, require the demonstration of a lecture on the theory of drying colours would have to be followed by illustrations of the various methods in use. For this a Laundry Laboratory would be essential. More women than men would be anxious to read for Honours in Laundry, and a degree would probably entitle the holder to expect a high position in the Butler-Wrenching Department, and perhaps a Fellowship at Pimston and Fidbury's.

Rupert & the New Pal—25



Rupert and Bill think hard, to some new idea, and suddenly the little bear looks up and holds his breath. "I've got it!" he cries. "I know just what we want! Here, take this packet and I'll run and see whether it's possible." And, thrusting the sandwiches into the hands of his friend, he dashes away, leaving Bill staring at him in bewilderment. Running at top speed, Rupert makes for the smithy and sees to his joy that the blacksmith is not working, but is sitting and smoking his pipe.

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NANCY That Makes Four—Even



By Ernie Bushmiller

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Star in Black with a muff and belt of sequin

Posed for Lois Leeds.

STAR SHINE!

Arpad, designer, a star in the fashion whirl, creates a dinner costume—Black jersey blouse and skirt, a marvellous muff and belt star-studded with sequins—the perfect Star Shine outfit for Sleek Sophistication.

Colour. Here's the colour lineup for Spring. You can "star" in your own Colour Cavalcade. Violet Mauve, selected from a bouquet of gorgeous colours of glamorous women of the stage and the social world from 1905 to 1900. This selection was made by the Millinery Designers League. Rip Roaring Red is as bright as bright can be and very smart, but you'll have to have matching lips and cheeks and fingertips.

Clear pastels are tops in toppers, either for a short, full coat or for one a bit longer. Toast, a lovely beige, is new and so good with Black, Green, light or dark, is seen with White or with Navy Blue. For sports your colours are—Aqua, Melon, Palest Pink and Sun Yellow. Shoulders Against! Once more your bare shoulders will show. So, get busy now and scrub and rub and massage with cream and oil. Underwear! Pink and Peach are not the only colours for your loveliest underwear. Melon, French

Minute Makeup
by GABRIELLE



If you use cake makeup, dampen your sponge or cotton pad with skin freshener instead of water. This gives a softer application and it will last longer!

Typically French



Small brimmed hat is decorated with velvet bows and feathers. Feminine suit in black, buttoning down the back, nipped-in waist, has bands of braid round hips and three-quarter length sleeves. Suede gloves and bag in turquoise blue to match hat. Suede shoes on very thick cork soles.

He's Definitely Not Dog's Best Friend

A dog's best friend definitely is not a man named Oliver Patrick Clark, who has proclaimed publicly that he finds the ubiquitous canine a "menace to health, morals and nerves" that could well be dealt with by vivisection.

FORD COULD HAVE LIVED TO BE 100

London, Apr. 8. Dr Maurice Ernest, President of the Centenarians' Club, said today that Henry Ford aspired to live 100 years and "could easily have surpassed that goal had he done certain very simple things."

Dr Ernest, who is 75 and who claims to have helped thousands to more than average longevity, said: "If Mr Ford had not had his own ideas on what was good for him, and had he not refused to accept advice, he could have lived for many years."

"There are just two vital points to the human body—the brain and the heart. Failure of either can result in instant death. One who aspires to long life must pay continual attention to both of them."

"Mr Ford was a man who would not give ten minutes daily out of each 24 hours to prevent breakdown," he said.

Cooling Process

"You must systematically cool those two basic elements. You cannot work a machine for ever without a cooling system. Mere relaxation is not enough. Of course, every person is different and each case must be prescribed for separately."

"Mr Ford had a fine physique and good aesthetic habits, but he overworked his nervous system. He would not overwork a Ford motor car that way."

Dr Ernest said he founded the Centenarians' Club 20 years ago with the avowed goal of seeking perpetual life on earth.

"My point is that in 1947 man has achieved a considerable degree of control over nature. Yet up to now is only an infant in the history of mankind. Is it conceivable that really civilised man—I mean those rare individuals who reflect upon things other than daily bread—can be content with death?"

"Some day it will not be 1947 but 2047. Will people then be satisfied to live a mere 90 or 120 years and to die without achieving control over life?"

Death And—?

"Death and then what?" asked Dr Ernest.

"A heap of ashes—three to three and one-half pounds of ashes. It is too humiliating. It is too disgusting. Man must concentrate on continuing life as long as he wants to live. That is what we are trying to do."

Dr Ernest said his methods were encouraging. "Look at me," he said. "No one would take me for 75. They all say I look like 55. I don't think you will find many who can read without glasses and the finest of print the way I do. I have no rheumatism. I feel no pains. I feel wonderful."—United Press.

VICAR'S STRANGE LEAFLET

"Instead of confining his activities to the spiritual needs of his flock, the vicar is thrusting reactionary political propaganda of the most poisonous kind down their throats."

That was the comment made by Councillor H. T. Wilcock, secretary and agent of the Southampton Labour Party, about a leaflet letter to his parishioners of the Rev Cuthbert Gamber Ryves Sydney-Turner, vicar of Peartree, Woolston, Southampton, and former Chaplain of Winchester Gaol.

Peartree Ward is a Labour stronghold, and has been for 30 years. The vicar does not seem to like Socialism, and, in a political discourse in his two-parish leaflet, attempts to influence the political opinions of his parishioners.

Complaining vaguely of controls he says that "every one of these controls had its forerunner in the early days of National Socialism in Germany."

Foreign Names

Alleging that "many so-called Labour representatives are, possibly without their knowledge, Communists in their actions," he writes that "Communism and Fascism are the same thing from slightly different angles."

But the most resented observation in the Peartree district is his statement that "another odd and disturbing factor is that so many people in authority—local or more general—are bearers of foreign names."

"We were a refuge for the political outcasts of many nations, and, as frequently happens, such are the first to bite the hand that helped them."

He also writes of "antagonism to Christian teaching in the schools," and says "we are heading directly for another war. . . . Germany and Russia are combining to a large extent, and little is being done to prevent this becoming a very definite threat to future peace."

Writing in the current issue of the Medical World, Clark, who is a practising physician of Worthing, Sussex, said he found the dog to be the "public enemy of a large and increasing proportion of men."

Clark wrote that he had been bitten and scratched while playing with dogs, but his antipathy was not because he had ever been bitten. "If a dog bit me it would not get away with its life. I'd brain it," he said.

"They are always yapping outside my house," he continued. "They kick up an awful row night and day. Lap dogs and big dogs—I think they are all the same. They make the same beastly noise and have the same beastly smell."

They Have Them Shot

"I'm getting fed up with it. They know how to deal with dogs in more civilised countries—they have them shot."

The anti-canine physician continued:

"Vivisection is as good a method as any, and is a useful way of achieving this desirable end."

"I know that 40 out of every 50 persons will disagree with me, will revile me and hurl insults at me. I fully expect to be called the dirtiest dog in England for holding these views. Still, they are my views and I am entitled to them."

But cats, ah! "Cats are a different proposition," Clark said. "I've had dozens of cats and I've got a Siamese now. They are gentle, quiet animals of good habits."—United Press.

Survives Dread Disease

Claudia Paulette Starkey, three-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Starkey of Gadsden, Alabama, is one child in a million.

Eleven-pound Claudia is one of the few persons to survive Erythroblastosis, and the only one of four Starkey children to live through the dread affliction, says United Press.

The three Starkey children preceding Claudia died of the almost incurable blood malady on the nineteenth day after birth. In 1930 the young couple lost Julia Ann. The following year a son, Claude Jr., died. In 1938, Michael Anthony was born, only to die on his nineteenth day. Physicians were stumped.

But between the time of the death of the first Starkey child and the birth of Claudia last October 31, scientists had discovered the Rh factor. The blood of parents of children born with Erythroblastosis, they found, had opposite Rh factors, one negative and the other positive.

Unmatched Blood "Fights"

If the mother's blood differed from the child's, their blood "fought" throughout pregnancy. But, they figured, if the blood of a child threatened with the disease could be classified soon enough and a transfusion of matching blood made, its chances for life could be greatly increased.

Findings showed Mrs Starkey to have a negative Rh factor, her husband a positive one.

Plans for the battle for Claudia's life were made months ahead.

Minutes after her arrival at a Birmingham hospital, she was found to have a positive Rh factor, matching her father's. Eight hours after birth, the blood was pumped from the child and fresh blood of the proper type injected in her veins.

The first weeks of Claudia's life were suspense-laden, but when she passed the fateful tenth day, science relaxed and declared another victory.

Today Claudia is a lively, beautiful, healthy child.

BIBLE IN 1,000 LANGUAGES

The Maguindang people, residents of Mindanao, the Philippines, a battleground for the American troops both in World War II and the Filipino insurrections following the Spanish-American War, now will be able to read the gospel of Saint John in their own language.

The American Bible Society has printed 5,000 copies of the gospel and shipped them to Manila.

The Society reports this is one of the 1,000 languages in which all or part of the Bible has been printed.—Associated Press.

YANKS TEACH LAUNDERING

Three GIs are teaching the laundry business to Chinese at Peiping. This coals-to-Newcastle job was described by Sgt James P. Martin in a letter to the American Institute of Laundering.

Martin asked for some technical advice for himself and partners. The laundry, serving American troops and their families, has 28 Chinese as pupils in American laundering methods.



67,000,000 Years For Pool Win

"Whatever legislation is passed, the British working man will take a chance on a bet in some way or other."

Those words were used in the House of Commons recently by a Socialist woman MP in the course of a discussion which arose when a Conservative member described the football pools as "one of the greatest menaces of the present time."

He argued that if the 30,000 or 40,000 women clerks employed by the pools were engaged in the clothing industry the present rationing and shortage could very soon be ended. He asked: "Do we want clothes or pools?"

According to reports of what passed in the House of Commons on the subject, there are about eight pools which are outstandingly large. The biggest of these employs about 11,000 people.

In the second grade of size there are about 15. In the third grade there is a swarm of 700 to 800 others of the more ephemeral type.

The Conservative opponent of pools, referring to the bona fides—or otherwise—of some of these concerns, classified them roughly thus: "The first were 'reasonably' honestly and efficiently run," though it would seem that they deducted from the pool about 20 percent of the receipts for expenses and profits.

As to the second grade, he said they were less efficiently run and a little less honest; and as to the third grade the suggestion was that they should be investigated under searchlight.

Odds Calculated

In the course of the talk in the House of Commons it was said that the pools are using very large and increasing quantities of paper; they were posting to their subscribers no less than 7,700,000 letters every week.

What are the chances of a win for participants in a pool? Believing, no doubt, that no man should know better how to calculate odds than an actuary of one of the greatest insurance companies in London for a calculation, the actuary said that the odds against anyone getting an all-correct result in a pool of 20 matches would be 3,486,784,701 to 1.

According to another calculation in a newspaper, these figures would mean that a person entering the pool every week (as millions do) will not be mathematically due for an all-correct win for more than sixty-seven million years."

The discussion in the House of Commons was a little off the rails. The Socialist woman MP considered that the suppression of pools would be an interference with the right of the working man to spend his cash as he liked. She added, argumentatively: "The peculiar thing is that it is always an attempt to get at something the working man does."

She was supported, morally in the least, by the Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Labour, who said apparently without a smile: "When we in this House start interfering with the moral conduct of people in this country—where are we to draw the line?"

Echo answers "Where?"—United Press.

HOLLYWOOD UP AGAINST 'IRON CURTAIN'

A group of motion picture executives has reported to President Truman on the difficulties of distributing American films behind the "iron curtain" in some parts of Europe.

The group was headed by Eric Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association, who told newsmen that they discussed with the President some of the foreign problems of the picture industry.

"There are so many I can't tell you all of them," he said, but added that there was difficulty between getting money out of and getting films into countries in Europe behind the "iron curtain."

He said: "We feel it is important that American films be shown in other countries and that films of other countries be shown in this country to promote better understanding."—Associated Press.

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P.I. Cinchona Plantations
The Philippine Government had made no decision on whether to revive its Mindanao cinchona plantations in view of the possibility of supplementing quinine by new artificially-produced drugs such as plasmodin and atabrine or newer varieties.
Colonel Arthur Fischer of La Jolla, California, developed an extensive cinchona plantation on the Mindanao highlands at Malaybalay, Bukidnon, which saved thousands of lives during the war.
The seeds from this plantation were taken to the United States by Fisher when he flew out with the late President Quezon just before the Japanese captured the island, and were planted in Central America where they now are flourishing.—Associated Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Quick! Stuff these old shoes and hats into the trash barrel in the garage before your father comes down—he'll decide they're good for a couple of years yet!"

